GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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SEPARATE HEALTH CENTRES FOR FLOOD AFFECTED AREAS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up separate health care centres for various diseases caused due to floods every year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) to (c) Health is a State subject; therefore, it is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments to set up health care centres in the flood affected areas in the respective states to take care of the various health related needs of the flood victims.

However, guiding principles for Health Sector Flood management (Contingency Plan for Flood) is circulated to the State/Union Territories regularly by the Central Government.Under this Contingency Plan, guidelines regarding administrative arrangements in the form of establishing medical and health camps, setting up epidemiological surveillance etc. are provided.